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SUBJECT: CSCE: UK VIEWS ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES
(CBMS)

GENEVA FOR BOSTER

1. IN CALL ON DEPTOFF NOVEMBER 20, UK COUNSELOR
WILBERFORCE DISCUSSED CBM'S IN CONTEXT OF CURRENT DEVELOP-
MENTS IN GENEVA AND VIENNA, POINTING TO RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN MBFR CONSTRAINTS AND CBM'S AND INDICATING SPECI-
FICALLY UK INTEREST IN HAVING THESE CONSIDERED IN TANDEM
BY THE ALLIES. DEPTOFF STATED THAT WE ARE MINDFUL OF
RELATIONSHIP, BUT THAT WE VIEWED CBM'S AS DISTINCTLY
DIFFERENT FROM CONSTRAINTS, WHICH WE ENVISAGED AS
OBLIGATORY AND MORE RIGOROUS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO PRIOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF MOVEMENTS,
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WILBERFORCE SAID UK WAS PREPARED TO DROP INSISTENCE ON

THIS MEASURE IN RESPONSE TO THE CLEAR INDICATION TTHAT
THE SOVIETS WERE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT IT, BUT
BELIEVED THAT WESTERN AGREEMENT TO ABANDON MOVEMENTS
SHOULD BE TRADED FOR A MORE FORTHCOMING EASTERN STANCE
ON MANEUVERS. TO THIS END UK BELIEVED THAT ALLIES SHOULD
NOT REPEAT NOT TABLE ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS OF MANEUVERS
UNTIL MAXIMUM CONCESSIONS HAD BEEN WRUNG FROM SOVIETS
ON SCOPE OF MANEUVERS TO BE COVERED BY PRIOR ANNOUNCEMENT.
IN THIS CONNECTION, UK BELIEVED TABLING OF ILLUSTRATIVE
LISTS BY ALLIES WOULD SEEM TOO FORTHCOMING A GESTURE
ON THE PART OF THE ALLIES, AND NOT ENCOURAGE SOVIET
GIVE ON QUESTION OF MANEUVERS. DEPTOFF ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT THIS WAS ONE TACTICAL CONSIDERATION, BUT NOTED
THAT, ALTERNATIVELY, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO TABLE
ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS AS A BASIS FOR BUILDING TOWARD
AGREEMENT ON MANEUVERS, RATHER THAN CONTINUING A
GENERALIZED DISCUSSION IN WHICH BOTH SIDES ATTEMPTED
TO ESTABLISH IN THE ABSTRACT THE PARAMETERS OF MANEUVERS
TO BE PREANNOUNCED. KISSINGER

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